

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ron Rymon
Serial No.: 10/087,990
Filed: March 5, 2002
Art Unit: 2194
Examiner: Phuong N. Hoang
Confirmation No.: 4478
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ROLE GROUPING
BY SHARED RESOURCE UTILIZATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Madam:

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On October 27, 2009, a telephonic interview was held with Applicants' attorneys Luke Pedersen (Reg. No. 45,003) and Roshan Mansinghani (Reg. No. 62,429). On October 30, 2009, the Examiner communicated an Interview Summary (the "Summary") regarding that interview. In the Summary, the Examiner states that a suggestion was made to the Applicants to amend Claim 1 "to be clearly understood that the group of users or resource did not exit [sic] yet." Page 1. During the interview, Applicants stated that the pertinent language of the claim was clear and did not require an amendment. The Examiner did not propose any other language that could be used to amend the claim.

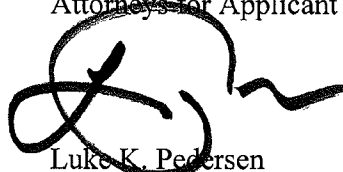
In the Summary, the Examiner states that a request was made to the Applicants to show support for the claim language "automatically determined" from the Specification. In response, during the interview, the Applicants stated that the term "automatically determined" is properly supported by the application. As the Summary indicates, the Examiner asked the Applicants during the interview to indicate where the term "automatically" may be found in the Specification. During the interview, Applicants

indicated that they would look through the application and respond to the Examiner after the interview. As an example of the Specification fully supporting the term “automatically,” Applicants point the Examiner to page 3 of the application, which states, in part: “The present embodiments provide a method and apparatus for **automated** elicitation and specification of implicit roles and tasks, particularly using existing explicit information relating to a user population and its access levels and utilization levels of resources.” Lines 8-11, emphasis supplied.

Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination on October 20, 2009 and are awaiting an Office Action. Applicants stated during the interview that if the Examiner does not believe that the term “automatically determined” is supported by the application, then the Examiner may address that issue in the next Office Action and Applicants will respond as appropriate.

If the Examiner is awaiting any further information or additional filings from Applicant, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner specifically identify any information that is due from Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,
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